Program Description

Degree Awarded: DNP Advanced Nursing Practice (Innovation Leadership)

The DNP in advanced nursing practice with a concentration in innovation leadership, accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, is directed toward professional nurses who seek the scholarship, skills and capacity to lead effective change in systems, organizations and practice environments, using innovation theories and methodologies as the frame for their leadership practice. This concentration focuses on improving health care through facilitating a culture of best practice and providing skills necessary to develop advanced practice nursing leaders for the future.

Graduates of this program will be able to facilitate the application and integration of research into clinical practice using innovative approaches across multiple settings to improve health care, patient outcomes and health care systems.

This program is offered in a hybrid iCourse and in-person format that requires students to travel to campus for up to a week for orientation at the beginning of the program and two or three times per semester.

At a Glance

- **College/School**: Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation
- **Location**: Downtown Phoenix campus

Degree Requirements

84 credit hours including the required applied project course (DNP 712)

**Required Core (41 credit hours)**
DNP 601 Theoretical Foundations for Advance Practice Nursing (3)
DNP 602 Evaluating Research for Practice (3)
DNP 604 Advanced Human Pathophysiology Across Lifespan (4)
DNP 605 Advanced Health Assessment Across Lifespan (3)
DNP 608 Applied Pharmacotherapeutics Across Lifespan (3)
DNP 609 Advanced Practice Nursing Role (1)
DNP 679 Biostatistics: Principles of Statistical Inference (3)
DNP 703 Innovation in Communication: Scholarly and Professional Writing (2)
DNP 704 Principles of Evidence-Based Care in Advanced Practice (4)
DNP 705 Health Care Outcome Management (3)
DNP 708 Systems Thinking in a Complex Healthcare Environment (3)
DNP 709 Individual and Innovation Leadership in Healthcare Practice (3)
DNP 711 Healthcare Policy and Innovation (3)
DNP 715 Dynamics and Principles of Information in Health Care (3)

**Concentration (13 credit hours)**
DNP 713 Analysis of Organizational Cultures in Health Care (3)
DNP 714 Professional Relationships in Healthcare (3)
DNP 716 Leadership of Innovation in Health Care (4)
NUR 640 Integrative Theories of Innovation Health Care (3)

**Electives and Research (18 credit hours)**

**Culminating Experience (12 credit hours)**
Applied Project: DNP 712 Clinical Residency and Management (12)

**Additional Curriculum Information**
Completion of an evidence-based doctoral applied project focused on a clinical issue relevant to advanced practice nursing is required.

The American Nurses Credentialing Center has recommended a minimum of 1,000 postbaccalaureate practicum hours for all students completing a nurse practitioner doctoral program. This program includes 1,125 practicum hours, exceeding the ANCC requirement.

For electives or research, students should see the academic unit for the approved course list. Other coursework may be used with the approval of the academic unit.

When approved by the student's supervisory committee and the Graduate College, this program allows up to 30 credit hours from a previously awarded master's degree to be used for this program.

**Admission Requirements**
Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's and a master's degree in nursing from a nationally recognized, regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. three professional letters of recommendation
4. resume
5. goal statement
6. admission essay
7. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**

An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency per the Graduate College requirement and all requirements for the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools.

A current unencumbered RN license in the state in which the student plans to do clinical practicums is required. All students are also required to have an unencumbered Arizona RN license or an unencumbered compact state RN license as mandated by the Arizona State Board of Nursing. The RN license must remain unencumbered throughout enrollment in any nursing program.

An interview with program faculty is required.

Health and safety requirements include passing disposition on a background clearance and satisfactory completion of a substance screen.

No admission examination is required.

Applicants will be reviewed on a space-available basis after the priority deadline. Students should see the program website for application deadlines.

**Application Deadlines**

**Summer**